

In order to speed up the efforts of populations stabilization in the country, Government has adopted the National Population Policy, 2000 in February, 2000, which provides a holistic approach to the programme. It enumerates various Strategies and Action Plan to achieve immediate, medium and long-term objectives. The Policy lists national socio-demographic goals for 2010 leading to population stabilization by 2045.

**GTZ assisted health project in H.P.**

**2216. SHRIMATI CHANDERSH KUMARI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals regarding GTZ (German Agency) assisted basic health systems projects in five districts of Himachal Pradesh are lying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with dates of pendency;

(c) whether Government have held negotiations with the German Agency so far;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to convey their approval early; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:** (a) to (e) A fair Note of Exchange/Agreement between the Government of India and Government of Germany (GTZ) was signed on 29.6.2000 for implementing a basic health project in 5 Districts of Himachal Pradesh with an outlay of DM 6 million. The project aims to improve access to basic medical and health services in these selected districts by strengthening the delivery of services at the primary and secondary level.

**Expenditure on publicity material for Family Welfare**

**2217. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ministry of Health pays about rupees ten crores to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for salaries towards family welfare related publicity material;